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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 14081-1PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/CA00/00998	International filing date (day/month/year) 28/08/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 03/09/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC G06F17/00		
<p>Applicant: QUANTIS FORMULATION, INC. et al.</p> <p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.</p> <p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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International application No. PCT/CA00/00995

1. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)).
Description, pages:

1-24 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-21 as originally filed

22-26 as received on 16/03/2001 with letter of 16/03/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/2,2/2 as originally filed

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the International search (under Rule 23.1(d)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(d)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire International application.
 claims Nos. 1-26.

because:

the said International application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an International preliminary examination (specify):

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):

the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no International search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 1-26.

2. A meaningful International preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
 the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

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International application No. PCT/CADO/00598

The claims relate to subject-matter in respect of which no International Search Report has been established and have therefore not been the subject of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 70.2(d) PCT).

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22. A method according to claim 21, further including the steps of: incorporating said set of optimal parameters values and said corresponding experimental values for said properties Y , respectively into said given parameter and associated property data; repeating said steps a), b) and d) to generate a new set of optimal parameters values for said parameters X .
23. A method according to any one of claims 13 to 22, wherein said product is a pharmaceutical product.
24. A computer program product comprising a memory containing code means for performing the method according to any one of claims 1 to 23.
25. A data signal embodied on a carrier wave, said data signal comprising data representing said property weight values and said property behavior mathematical relations obtained according to any one of claims 1 to 23.
26. A data signal embodied on a carrier wave, said data signal comprising data representing said set of n optimal parameter values for said parameters X , obtained according to any one of claims 1 to 23.

